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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Boles *et al.*

Application No.: 09/336,609

Filed: June 18, 1999

For: **DETECTION OF NON-VIRAL ORGANISMS
WITH SRP RNA**

Examiner: Einsmann, J.

Art Unit: 1655

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 8, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following remarks and amendments. A petition to extend the time for response for two months, from August 8, 2000 to November 8, 2000, is submitted herewith (in triplicate). Please amend the application as follows.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 20-22, 24, 26-32, 41, and 42.

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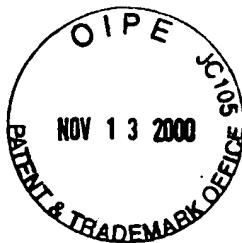
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT in the above-identified application.

[X] Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond (3 months, \$445.00).
[] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
[] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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If any extension of time is needed, then this response should be considered a petition therefor.
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[X] A fee for the Petition to Extend Time is due (3 months, \$445.00).

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